

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**

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Page 1106, line 16, strike “and”.

Page 1106, line 21, strike the period and insert “;  
and”.

Page 1106, after line 21, insert the following new  
paragraph:

- 1           (6) including Department of Defense personnel
- 2           who are women in security cooperation activities of
- 3           the United States conducted abroad.

Page 1107, after line 8, insert the following new  
subsections and redesignate the subsequent subsections  
accordingly:

- 4           (e) PILOT PROGRAM.—
- 5           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in
- 6           coordination with the Secretary of State—
- 7                 (A) shall direct and carry out a pilot pro-
- 8                 gram to conduct partner country assessments
- 9                 referred to in subsection (d) on barriers to the
- 10                participation of women in the national security

1 forces of participating partner countries (in this  
2 subsection referred to as a “pilot barrier assess-  
3 ment”); and

4 (B) in carrying out such pilot program,  
5 shall seek to enter into contracts with nonprofit  
6 organizations or federally funded research and  
7 development centers independent of the Depart-  
8 ment of Defense for the purpose of conducting  
9 the pilot barrier assessments.

10 (2) SELECTION OF COUNTRIES.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-  
12 fense, in consultation with the commanders of  
13 the combatant commands and relevant United  
14 States ambassadors, shall select one partner  
15 country from within the geographic area of re-  
16 sponsibility of each geographic combatant com-  
17 mand for participation in the pilot program.

18 (B) CONSIDERATION.—In making the se-  
19 lection under subparagraph (A), the dem-  
20 onstrated political commitment of the partner  
21 country to increasing the participation of  
22 women in the security sector and the national  
23 security priorities and theater campaign strate-  
24 gies of the United States shall be considered.

1           (3) PILOT BARRIER ASSESSMENT.—A pilot bar-  
2       rier assessment under this subsection shall be—

3           (A) adapted to the local context of the  
4       partner country being assessed;

5           (B) conducted in collaboration with the se-  
6       curity sector of the partner country being as-  
7       sessed; and

8           (C) based on tested methodologies.

9       (4) FINDINGS.—

10           (A) The Secretary of Defense should use  
11       findings from each pilot barrier assessment to  
12       inform effective security cooperation activities  
13       and security sector assistance interventions by  
14       the United States in the partner country as-  
15       sessed. Such activities and interventions shall  
16       substantially increase opportunities for the re-  
17       cruitment, employment, development, retention,  
18       deployment, and promotion of women in the na-  
19       tional security forces of such partner country  
20       (including for deployments to peace operations  
21       and for participation in counterterrorism oper-  
22       ations and activities).

23           (B) The Secretary of Defense, in coordina-  
24       tion with the Secretary of State, shall develop  
25       a model barrier assessment methodology from

1 the findings of the pilot program for use across  
2 the geographic combatant commands.

3 (5) REPORTS ON PILOT PROGRAM.—

4 (A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than two  
5 years after the date of the enactment of this  
6 Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination  
7 with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the  
8 appropriate committees of Congress an initial  
9 report on the implementation of the pilot pro-  
10 gram under this subsection, including an identi-  
11 fication of the partner counties selected for par-  
12 ticipation in the program and the justifications  
13 for such selections.

14 (B) UPDATE TO REPORT.—Not later than  
15 two years after the date on which the initial re-  
16 port under subparagraph (A) is submitted, the  
17 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the  
18 Secretary of State, shall submit to the appro-  
19 priate committees of Congress an update to the  
20 initial report.

21 (C) REPORT ON METHODOLOGY.—On the  
22 date on which the Secretary of Defense deter-  
23 mines the pilot program to be complete, the  
24 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the  
25 Secretary of State, shall submit to the appro-

1           priate committees of Congress a report on the  
2           model barrier assessment methodology devel-  
3           oped under paragraph (4)(B).

4       (f) BUILDING UNITED STATES CAPACITY.—

5           (1) MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES.—Con-  
6           sistent with subsection (c)(6), the Secretary of De-  
7           fense shall make every effort to encourage the ad-  
8           mission of diverse individuals (including individuals  
9           who are women) to each military service academy,  
10          including by—

11                (A) establishing programs that hold com-  
12                manding officers accountable for removing bi-  
13                ases with respect to such individuals;

14                (B) ensuring that each military service  
15                academy fosters a zero tolerance environment  
16                for harassment towards such individuals; and

17                (C) ensuring that each military service  
18                academy fosters equal opportunities for growth  
19                that enable the full participation of such indi-  
20                viduals in all training programs, career tracks,  
21                and elements of the Department, especially in  
22                elements of the Armed Forces previously closed  
23                to women, such as infantry and special oper-  
24                ations forces.

1           (2) PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS AND NON-  
2       PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense  
3       shall make every effort to enter into partnerships  
4       with elementary schools, secondary schools, postsec-  
5       ondary educational institutions, and nonprofit orga-  
6       nizations, to support activities relating to the imple-  
7       mentation of the Women, Peace, and Security Act of  
8       2017.

Page 1108, line 7, strike “and”.

Page 1108, line 11, strike the period and insert “;  
and”.

Page 1108, after line 11, insert the following new  
paragraph:

9           (4) build the capacity of the Department to  
10       conduct the partner country assessments referred to  
11       in subsection (d).

Page 1109, after line 13, insert the following new  
paragraphs:

12           (3) The terms “elementary school” and “sec-  
13       ondary school” have the meanings given those terms  
14       in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary  
15       Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

1           (4) The term “postsecondary educational insti-  
2           tution” has the meaning given that term in section  
3           3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Edu-  
4           cation Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

